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Docket No. 06-181

From: Larry Puthoff [lputhoff@c-s-d.org]  
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 4:32 PM  
To: Monica Desai  
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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September 22, 2006

FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

*I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.*

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*Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.*

*I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.*

*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

*Sincerely,*

Larry Puthoff  
5945 S Lois Ln  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108-2665

**Kenneth L. Hill**

*Docket No. 06-181*

**From:** Renae Quick [Luv2Sign4U@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 6:32 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

*September 22, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

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*Sincerely,*

*Renae Quick  
11739 Spring Club Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78249-2672*

**Pam Gregory**

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*Federal Communications Commission  
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**From:** Quinlivan Diana F [Diana.F.Quinlivan@irs.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 9:53 AM

**To:** Kevin Martin

**Cc:** Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai

**"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007"**

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning! I want to learn more by reading the closed captioning on TV!!!

Diana Quinlivan, and all of my friends from Austin, Texas

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**From:** bquart0208@aol.com

**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 1:48 PM

**To:** Monica Desai

**Subject:** FCC on captioning

I have become aware of the FCC granting exemptions to religious organizations from captioning their programs without consulting consumers on the impact. I heard about 550 total exemptions will be given, wow, too easy for them!!! Programmers have had 10 years to find funding and get set up to caption their programs so why would the FCC grant these exemptions now? This sets a dangerous precedent. I use captioning every time I watch TV or a movie, and heavily depend it on it for understanding what is being said. I am so afraid everyone else is going to jump on the exemption bandwagon and then all the advances made in the last 10 years for captioning will slip backwards. Please please please reconsider!!

Barb Quart

From Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

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**From:** Theresa Quin [tquin@cape.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 3:09 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai; Deborah Tate  
**Subject:** Closed Captioning

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Please this is very important for Me, Family, Emergency Preparedness, MEMA, Weather Forecast, News, Any kind of Television

Program that is most important for my children and I can communicate each other to have fun, education, support, understand what's going on ect. Please do not take this away from the DEAF/Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened WORLD. If you cut this, Hearing Loss will be total loss and not be able to understand what's going on at all. Is not fair the hearing world can hear the TV and Radio WE DON'T because we are DEAF!!! This is HUMAN BEING we are talking about, taking thing away from us is like ignoring DEAF's COMMUNICATION. Remember back in 1980 there was millions of people RALLY to ask you to set up Closed Captioned, Hope you remember that but the point is WE DO NOT WANT THIS HAPPEN AGAIN, AS NOW in 2006 there are BILLIONAIRES of people who have hearing loss is out there.

Theresa Quin  
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**From:** Jay Keithley  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 11:21 AM  
**To:** Pam Gregory  
**Subject:** FW: September 12, 2006 FCC Ruling on Television Captioning

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tracy Quinlan [mailto:tgquinlan@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 10:36 AM  
**To:** FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org  
**Subject:** September 12, 2006 FCC Ruling on Television Captioning

September 21, 2006

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Michael J. Copps, Commissioner  
Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner  
Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner  
Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

I am not deaf or hard of hearing (or hearing-impaired, as you like to say), but I am a student studying to become a sign language interpreter, and as such, this issue affects me as much as my deaf friends and the deaf community.

This is to let you know that I fully support the action alerts from TDI and other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on September 12, 2006. I respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Places of worship make up a very important part of every community. It is within their mission to support the basic needs of all people within their reach. When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast a little over a year ago, churches and temples were among the first to offer help with shelter, food, and other assistance to the survivors. Captioning TV programs meets a legitimate basic need for access to information just like building a wheelchair ramp to the church or temple door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, these places of worship will find themselves with an expanded TV viewership, which will lead to an increase in their membership and other support from the community. When children and adults are able to read captions on spiritual programs, they are influenced to live up to high moral standards and contribute their part to the community. Hearing loss is the number one growing disability among senior citizens, and they will find themselves depending on captioning to listen to the message.

The deaf community wants to participate fully in all programs and services at local places of worship

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because it serves as a vital resource that empowers them to be fully integrated in the community. If the deaf or hard of hearing consumers see the services with captions on TV, they can interact with other congregants, neighbors, fellow employees, family members, and service professionals in the local community. We all stand to benefit from the local connection that national religious programs are unable to provide.

Video programmers have had ten years to prepare for the captioning regulations now in place and temporary waivers, when appropriate. When you give full permanent exemptions to the two programmers, it reverses all the access deaf and hard of hearing advocates have worked on for years. We ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as sponsorships, long-term captioning service agreements, and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover and minimize the cost of captioning. Another option is to reduce other expenses in their production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.

Closed captioning gives the deaf community a) access to indispensable news, b) entertainment that is an integral part of every person's life, and c) education that paves the way for becoming self-sufficient and a contributing member of society. The FCC must provide EQUAL ACCESS to everyone in the community. If those of us with "normal" hearing have access to these programs whenever we choose to turn them on, then the deaf and hard of hearing community should be guaranteed the same rights. The only way they can get that access is if it is captioned. By not captioning these, or any television programs, this country is denying the rights of yet another minority group. Is this the legacy we want to pass on to future generations? I hope you agree with me that it is not!

Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Tracy Quinlan  
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cc:

Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs  
Bureau Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief (Policy), Consumer &  
Governmental Affairs Bureau Tom Chandler, Chief,  
Disability Rights Office Cheryl King, Deputy Chief,  
Disability Rights Office

Email sent separately:  
Iowa Senator, Tom Harkin  
Arizona Senator, Jon Kyl  
Arizona Senator, John McCain

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**From:** Stephen Renault Jr [sjbeanstalk@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 04, 2006 10:02 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

October 4, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

*Dear Monica Desai,*

*I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.*

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*I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.*

*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Stephen Renault Jr  
11 Hickory Ct Apt A  
Maple Shade, NJ 08052-1951*



**Pam Gregory**

Docket No 06-181

**From:** Lydia Ramanovich [Lydia.Ramanovich@pisd.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 08, 2006 11:23 PM  
**To:** Deborah Tate; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Robert McDowell  
**Subject:** we need closed captioning

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman and commissioners,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Thousands of students with hearing loss every day use closed captioning to learn language and help improve their comprehension skills. Please reconsider your decision. Please think about the thousands of kindergarteners who would grow up without closed caption and will not be able to understand valuable educational programs broadcasted or simply enjoy movies with their families. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,  
Lydia Ramanovich

Lydia Ramanovich, AuD, CCC/A  
Special Education Audiologist  
Plano Independent School District  
Assistive Technology Team  
(469) 752-8875

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**From:** Maryjo Rose [maryjo.rose@bankofamerica.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2006 2:42 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

October 3, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Also, why does it have to cost?

Sincerely,

Maryjo Rose  
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Apartment L  
Charlotte, NC 28212-7532

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*Docket No. 06-181*

**From:** Jonathan Roberts [grimmsrevenge@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2006 1:02 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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*Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary*

October 5, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

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People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Roberts  
960 Ludlow Ave #6  
Cincinnati, OH 45220-1028

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Docket No 06-181

**From:** Kathleen Robins [Kmrubins51@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2006 4:02 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

October 10, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Monica Desai,

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Robins  
30 Summer Street  
Kingston, NY 12401-5414

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*Docket No 06-181*

**From:** Debbie Rolwing [Poststampgirl@Yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 07, 2006 3:32 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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**Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**

October 7, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

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Sincerely,

Debbie Rolwing  
1304 State St  
Charleston, MO 63834-1429

**Pam Gregory**

Docket No. 06-181

**From:** Tina Robarts [robarts777@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2006 10:20 AM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** DO NOT STOP CLOSED CAPTIONING!!!!

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. It is UNFAIR that we, the Deaf community, suffer when there is no captioning. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning! Closed captioning is not just for individuals who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing. Hearing individuals such as children, non-English speaking adults can greatly benefit from reading closed captioning to improve their English skills.

Tina Robarts  
5143 Carol Lane  
Gurnee, IL 60031

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**From:** Marlena Rosendahl [Meowydeaf@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2006 12:02 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

*September 23, 2006*

*FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

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*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marlena Rosendahl  
601 Hudson Ave Apt 207  
Takoma Park, MD 20912-3214*

**Kenneth L. Hill**

Docket No. 06-181

**From:** Bizzie Lizzie [bizzielizzie@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 6:48 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** CGB

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Elizabeth Rogers  
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Sedona AZ 86351

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**From:** BarbyHong@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 9:16 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Captioning

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"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Not only hearing impaired need the closed captioning. There are thousands of people who have some hearing loss and difficulty understanding while listening to TV.

Also CC is a great access to many who need to learn English.  
Barbara Richardson  
5966 Lubao Avenue  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

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**Kenneth L. Hill**

Docket No. 06-181

**From:** Ken Riches [kariches@excite.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 5:35 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Captioning

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

*Dear Chief DeSai,*

*I am deaf and need closed captioning to understand the TV. I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders create a new regulation, allowing a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use.*

*Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!*

*Kenyon Riches*

*248 Wood Acres Drive*

*East Amherst, NY 14051*

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**From:** Beverly Roland [broland@Advocacyinc.org]**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 4:39 PM**To:** Monica Desai**Subject:** FW: In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Ms. DeSai. My husband and I are really upset by the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders seem to create a new regulation, that of making a new exemption rule which conflicts with the current regulations. My husband and I are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole for almost any entity if they say "it costs too much." Please reconsider immediately! We need closed captioning so we do NOT exclude all the people who are deaf or hard of hearing. This includes adults, children who are born with a hearing impairment, people who succumbed to deafness because of an accident or illness, and/or seniors who suffer a hearing loss due to old age! The ability to know what is being broadcast on TV is equally important to everyone, whether they can hear or not. This Order is discrimination in the worst form. We can't imagine what it must be like to be cut off from the hearing world, but eliminating closed captioning by this new Order, has to make the exclusion even worse!

Thank you,  
Beverly & Richard Roland  
[broland@advocacyinc.org](mailto:broland@advocacyinc.org)

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**Kenneth L. Hill**

*Docket No. 06-181*

**From:** Patricia Richey [plr@tmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 1:22 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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*September 26, 2006*

*FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

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*I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.*

*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Patricia Richey  
393 Locust Trl  
Crownsville, MD 21032-1724*

**Pam Gregory**

*Docket No. 06-181*

**From:** Nancy J Rosenberg [njrose@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 2:52 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Captioning Exemptions

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**OCT 19 2006**

*Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary*

Dear Ms. DeSai,

I have just learned that the FCC has begun granting exemptions from providing captioning for some television broadcasters. The law that requires closed captioning has been in effect for TEN years, so it's simply outrageous for the FCC to try to turn back the clock --and without public notice! It's a slap in the face to all the entities that have been spending the money to provide captions.

I am hard of hearing and rely on captioning to understand everything that I watch. But It's not so much that I want to watch Anglers for Christ, rather it's the dangerous loop hole that the FCC is creating. You are opening the door for many more requests for exemptions and for many more letters, e-mails, and phone calls from people complaining that they can't watch a show that they wanted to watch.

I personally don't think that an entity should be granted a license to broadcast unless they have the ability to provide captions. And I think that any entity that has the funds to broadcast, most likely DOES have the funds to caption their programs.

We have come a long way in the last ten years. Please don't turn back the clock. At the very LEAST, give these entities a temporary exemption with the expectation that if they want to stay on the air, they will have to provide captioning.

Yours truly,  
Nancy Rosenberg  
1880 White Oak Drive #116  
Houston, Texas 77009

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Docket No. 06-181

**From:** Will Ramsey [shipmat1@bellsouth.net]**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 4:15 PM**To:** Monica Desai**Subject:** CLOSED CAPTION

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting Exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders Appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption Basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged And believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity Crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider Immediately! We need our closed captioning!

WILL RAMSEY

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**From:** barb.rummell@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2006 10:30 PM  
**To:** www.fcc.gov/commissioners/martin/mail.html@mailgate1.fcc.gov  
**Cc:** www.fcc.gov/commissioners/copps/mail.html@comcast.net;  
 www.fcc.gov/commissioners/adelstein/mail.html@comcast.net;  
 www.fcc.gov/commissioners/tate/mail.html@comcast.net;  
 www.fcc.gov/commissioners/mcdowell/mail.html@comcast.net; Monica Desai

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**Subject:** FW: OUTRAGEOUS DECISIONS BEING MADE BY THE FCC - ACTION ALERT

What in the world is the MATTER with you?? Do you think that deaf people don't have religious feelings? Do you think that elderly citizens who no longer hear well aren't worth a minimal effort to help them understand the programs that are requesting exemptions.

If you want to know what it's like to understand a program, just turn the TV sound off and try to make sense of just the pictures.

Please reconsider your actions.

Barbara Rummell

----- Forwarded Message: -----

**From:** "Rozmaryn, Colleen (ODHH)" <Rozmaic@dshs.wa.gov>  
**To:** barb.rummell@comcast.net  
**Subject:** FW: OUTRAGEOUS DECISIONS BEING MADE BY THE FCC - ACTION ALERT  
**Date:** Wed, 13 Sep 2006 22:55:25 +0000

FYI.

Colleen Rozmaryn, CPM  
 ODHH / ACT  
 Phone: 360-902-0851 V/TTY  
 FAX: 360-902-0855

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**From:** Penny Allen [mailto:pallen@hearingloss-wa.org]  
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Please help with this!

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Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 12:09 PM  
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Dear Advocates:

Outrageous decisions are being made at the FCC.

This week the FCC has granted exemptions to religious organizations from captioning their programs. In the past when such organizations have requested exemptions from the captioning rules the requests for waivers have been put out for public comment and have not been granted as they have never demonstrated that it was truly an undue burden to caption their programs.

All of a sudden the FCC is taking a completely different approach by granting exemptions without consulting consumers on the impact.

On Monday, the FCC sent out 250 letters granting captioning exemptions directly to those petitioners. Another several hundred letters approving exemptions are expected to go out this or next week - for a total of around 550 exemptions! The FCC has not put these on the Daily Digest to notify the public. Rather, they are simply making these available in their Public Reference room. Even worse still, the exemptions granted are PERMANENT ones, even though several of the petitioners ONLY REQUESTED TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS - until Sept or Jan.

Hearing Loss Association, along with other disability organizations, is considering what our official response should be. In the meantime, advocates you must email Chairman Martin's office and the office of the Consumer and Governmental Bureau, Monica Desai, to express your outrage. Please also email the other Commissioners.

It has been ten years now since the closed captioning rules were put in place. That is plenty of time for programmers to find funding and get set up to caption their programs. The decision sets a very bad precedent. A) It is counter to the regulations at 47 CFR Part 79.1(d) that allow for certain

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exemptions; and (b) it is de facto rulemaking without notice. They are creating new regulations without a process. This FCC interpretation could have far reaching effects that go well beyond religious programming. The entities who asked for waivers are given consideration while those of use who will be affected are not.

To send your emails:

FCC Chairman Martin

<http://www.fcc.gov/commissioners/martin/mail.html>

Commissioner Copps

<http://www.fcc.gov/commissioners/copps/mail.html>

Commissioner Adelstein

<http://www.fcc.gov/commissioners/adelstein/mail.html>

Commissioner Tate

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All of a sudden there is an ill wind blowing through the FCC

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